Memorandum 75-10

Subject: Research Contracts

We have been paying the travel expenses of Professor Warren, one of our consultants on the creditors' remedies topic, under a contract made in the 1971-72 fiscal year. The funds available under that contract became no longer available on June 30, 1974. Through an oversight, the staff failed to request Commission approval of a new contract to cover Professor Warren's travel expenses since June 30, 1974.

You will recall that Professor Warren attended our November meeting to present his paper on the effect of the United States Supreme Court decision on the California Claim and Delivery Statute. We have prepared a new contract but have not been able to pay Professor Warren for his expenses since we need Commission approval of the new contract first.

The staff requests Commission approval of a contract with Professor Warren to pay his travel expenses during the period, November 1, 1974, to June 30, 1977, and \$20 for each day he attends a meeting or legislative hearing pursuant to the contract. We made a similar contract with Professor Kanner. We would limit the amount of the expenses under the contract to \$500. We can make an additional contract in the future if the expenses will exceed that amount.

Respectfully submitted,

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